

# **Interview Summary**

Application No.

09/744,160

Applicant(s)

KOMURA ET AL.

Examiner

Dang D Le

Art Unit

2834

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dang D Le.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Mr. Bernard Codd.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Interview: 11 April 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Fujii et al..

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicants proposed to amend claim 15 by adding "means of hydrodynamic gas pressure generated at both a radial bearing portion and a thrust bearing portion". The examiner agreed that such amendment overcomes the Final Rejection. However, further consideration is required.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

**DANG LE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Dang D Le 4/4/03  
Examiner's signature, if required